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Extent of cultivation in Government villages under the river Sarada.

556 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of wet cultivation including jirayati and inam lands in Government villages under the river *Sarada*, Vizagapatam district?

A.—The ayacut is 14,823 acres. Figures of cultivation are not available.

Communal representation in the Anantapur Collectorate.

557 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that the treasury deputy collector, magisterial clerk, darkhast clerk, abkāri clerk and appointment clerk are all Brahmans in the Anantapur Collectorate; and

(2) whether it is a fact that one Balagurunatham Pillai, B.A., who has been acting for six months as tahsildar, has been replaced by a Brahman gentleman who has been only a sub-magistrate?

A.—(1) The present treasury deputy collector is a Brahman. As regards others, the Government have no information.

(2) The Government have no information.

Mr. M. Rajam Nayudu, Private Secretary to the Raja of Ramnad.

558 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Mr. M. Rajam Nayudu, Private Secretary to the Raja of Ramnad and President of the Ramnad taluk board, is a member of the Ramnad district board also; and

(*b*) if so, whether it does not contravene the provisions of the Local Boards Act in that the Raja of Ramnad, the President of the district board of Ramnad, and his paid servant Mr. M. Rajam Nayudu are both members of the same district board?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

The lower division clerks of the Secretariat.

559 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact—

(*a*) that the lower division clerks in the Secretariat, whose initial pay in the time-scale has been fixed at Rs. 40, have to remain in the same pay for about three years; and

(*b*) that their previous permanent and acting service on a salary equal to their starting pay in the time-scale is not taken into consideration for purposes of increment?

A.—(*a*) The scale of pay fixed for lower division clerks in the Secretariat is Rs. 40—40—5—65—3—80.